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The mutant Wolverine has spent a century fighting those who would manipulate him for his unique powers—razor-sharp claws, heightened senses, and a healing factor capable of miracles. After repeated brainwashing, torture, and reprogramming, Wolverine's past was as much a mystery to him as to anyone. With those long-lost memories returned to him, Wolverine has set out on a mission to punish the conspirators who have wronged him.

Logan has finally caught up with the mysterious and powerful figure known only as Romulus: the man who has been secretly manipulating him his entire life, and who raised Daken to be a ruthless killer. Logan learns that Romulus's grand scheme is for Logan and Daken to fight to the death, deciding who will take Romulus's place at the top of the food chain. Now, armed with a handful of allies and the Muramasa blade, a weapon capable of nullifying healing powers, Logan is determined to destroy Romulus's vast empire.

Logan is able to enlist the aid of his son, but Daken quickly betrays his father to Romulus. Daken is then shocked to learn that Logan was counting on this disloyalty all along. Before Daken can find out what his father is really up to, Logan stabs him through the chest with the Muramasa blade!

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H-HE KILLED HIM!

WHO KILLED WHOM? BE CLEAR.

THE...THE ONE WITH THE **SWORD**-- HE JUST STABBED THE ONE WITH THE MOHAWK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CAFÉ!

DESCRIBE THE SWORD.

IT'S A... Y'KNOW, A SAMURAI SWORD--BUT SHORTER!

THIS WASN'T PART OF YOUR PLAN, WOLVERINE...

LOOK, WHEN I AGREED TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE MOHAWK GUY, I DIDN'T EXPECT--

I HEAR SIRENS.

HUH?

YEAH, THE COPS ARE HERE. ANYWAY, LIKE I WAS SAYING--

WOLVERINE IS GONE?

WHO?!

UHH...

THE MAN WHO STABBED THE OTHER MAN.

...YEAH, HE'S GONE.

THEY'RE GOING TO LOAD THE BODY INTO AN AMBULANCE. FOLLOW IT.

NO WAY, MAN--I'M DONE.

"YOU'RE DONE WHEN I SAY YOU'RE DONE."

OKAY, THEY JUST TURNED OFF...

...IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE TAKING HIM TO *GAZI* INSTEAD OF *HACETEPPE.*

YOU'VE DONE WELL.

SKREEEECH-!

S-SO THAT'S IT?

I'M DONE?

YES.

KRASSH!

〈MY GOD!〉

〈TURN AROUND!〉

〈BUT WHAT ABOUT--?〉

〈HE'S *BEYOND* OUR HELP--WE MUST GO *BACK!*〉

EVERYBODY *READY?*

"AS SOON AS HE'S OUT IN THE OPEN...

"...WE GO."

TCHUNK!

RRAAHRRR!

SKAAR...

HEH-HEH-HEH...

...WHY DO YOU LOOK SO *SURPRISED?*

ICELAND, SIX DAYS AGO:

ARE YOU GOING TO *SPEAK*, OR JUST STAND THERE IN THE SHADOWS?

DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

YES.

DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

OH, YES, SKAAR... I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, I KNOW WHAT YOU *WANT*.

AND HOW TO *GET IT*.

WHAT I WANT DOESN'T EXIST.

IT DOESN'T EXIST YET.

THE HULK WAS THE RESULT OF AN... ACCIDENT.

ACCIDENTS HAPPEN ALL THE TIME.

AND I'M USUALLY THE CAUSE.

OTHERS HAVE TRIED TO RECREATE HIM.

THEY'VE FAILED.

THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I KNOW.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

I KNOW YOU'RE WORKING WITH WOLVERINE...

HIS PLAN IS...INSPIRED, I'LL GIVE HIM THAT.

IT'S NOT WHAT I WOULD HAVE DONE.

I THINK THAT'S THE POINT.

YES...

THERE'S A REASON WHY YOU'RE COMPELLED--*DRIVEN*--TO TEST YOURSELF AGAINST YOUR FATHER, *THE HULK*, RATHER THAN BANNER.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT *IS*?

YES.

SO DO I.

BECAUSE I FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT *WOLVERINE*.

MY DESIRE TO BATTLE WOLVERINE TO THE DEATH IS *UNMATCHED--NO ONE* WANTS IT MORE THAN ME.

BUT HIS *APPROACH*--THIS *SCHEME* OF HIS...

SMOKE AND MIRRORS.

SLEIGHT OF HAND.

IT'S *UNWORTHY.*

IT'S NOT HOW OUR KIND SETTLES THINGS.

"OUR KIND"?

PREDATORS.

WHEN THE DOMINANT MALE LION HAS GROWN TOO OLD OR INFIRM TO LEAD THE PRIDE, THE OTHER MALES *TEAR HIM TO PIECES*...THEN TURN ON *EACH OTHER*. THE SURVIVING MALE THEN KILLS ALL THE OTHER MALE CUBS.

EVEN HIS OWN.

THAT IS HOW IT MUST BE.

THAT IS WHAT THIS WORLD HAS FORGOTTEN.

THERE MUST BE *BLOOD.*

THERE MUST BE *BRUTALITY.*

AND AT THE BATTLE'S END...

...THERE MUST BE ONLY *ONE LEFT STANDING.*

HELP ME, SKAAR.

AND I WILL HELP *YOU.*

NOW.

SON OF A...

WHAT IS HE *WAITING* FOR?

HE WAS JUST SUPPOSED TO *GRAB* HIM AND--

BE READY TO ABORT MISSION.

THERE'S A *REASON* WHY I'M DRIVEN TO TEST MYSELF AGAINST *THE HULK*, RATHER THAN *BANNER.*

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT REASON *IS?*

IT'S BECAUSE I'M *ALREADY* BANNER'S EQUAL.

AND *MORE.*

DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD *MANIPULATE* ME LIKE SOME *WEAK-MINDED FOOL?*

YES.

WHHOOOOOOSH

BOOM

KURDS.

"ROMULUS IS GONNA TURN THIS PLACE INTO A $%?@#* HORROR SHOW."

MUSTA BRIBED 'EM... *PROMISED* 'EM SOMETHIN'.

BUT *WHY?!*

FOR THE *BODY COUNT.*

AN' TO *PULL ME OUTTA POSITION*-- HE KNOWS I WON'T STAND BY AN' LET *CIVILIANS GET HURT.*

AND NEITHER WILL I.

NO.

I NEED YOU TO CONTAIN *SKAAR.*

RRRAAAAAHHHRRR!

WWWOOOOOSSH

ATT-ATT-ATT-ATT-ATT-ATT-ATT

BWOOM!

SKAAR!

STOP.

NOW.

THEY THOUGHT THEY COULD--!

THEY *THOUGHT* THEY COULD, BUT THEY WERE *WRONG.*

YOU'VE SHOWN THEM THAT.

AL...

ALLAH...HU AKBAR...

BUH-WAAAM!

CAFE TI QUI

IT'S TIME TO MAKE A CHOICE, WOLVERINE.

COME TO ME...

...OR GO TO THEM.

DISGUSTING.

I AGREE.

DAKEN? HOW...?

A FAKE BLADE.

NO, THE BLADE WAS *REAL*...IT JUST WASN'T THE *MURAMASA* BLADE.

I SHOULD'VE SEEN THAT. IT'S EXACTLY--

WHAT YOU WOULD'VE *EXPECTED* HIM TO DO?

YOU KNOW HE'S PLAYING YOU, RIGHT?

"HE'S PLAYING ALL OF US."

〈GET OUTTA HERE! THE PLACE IS COMIN' DOWN!〉

〈NO! MY SONS ARE STILL IN THE--〉

〈THE GAS LINE!〉

KROOM!

FWOOSH!

KRRR

TO WHAT END?

YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW?

TELL ME, WHERE DOES ALL YOUR POWER COME FROM?

HE'S GOING TO EXPOSE YOU. HE'S GOING TO SHOW THE WORLD THE FACE OF THE MONSTER THAT HIDES IN THE DARKNESS. AT FIRST, THEY'LL RECOIL IN FEAR BECAUSE YOU'RE EXACTLY WHAT THEY THOUGHT YOU'D BE.

AND THEN, THEY'LL GET OVER IT.

BECAUSE YOU'RE EXACTLY WHAT THEY THOUGHT YOU'D BE.

IF HE DOES THAT, YOU'LL HAVE NOTHING-- NOTHING TO INHERIT.

YOU'LL JUST BE ANOTHER ONE OF THEM.

I KNOW.

THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO *HELP* YOU.

TO BE CONTINUED IN DARK WOLVERINE #86!

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